

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes.

Already I am affected by similar measures; my HDTV display has a digital video input, which HDTV receivers and D-VHS video decks can not use because of a copy protection standard. This is interfering with normal use of my equipment which doesn't even have to do with copying.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Additional features, even if already in software, have testing costs and even greater costs if equipment is released with bugs in the implementation interfering with future normal use.

Other Comments:

If I pay for rights to view something or make fair use copies for non-public playback, I don't expect that to involve the content providers owning my equipment as well.